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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MARCOS OKAYS EXIT PAPERS FOR LABAN CANDIDATE
- BARICAN

1. FORMER OPPOSITION LABAN CANDIDATE FERNANDO "JERRY" BARICAN TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD HALF-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AUGUST 15, DURING WHICH BARICAN ASKED MARCOS' ASSISTANCE IN GETTING A PASSPORT AND EXIT PERMIT. MARCOS READILY ACCEDED AND INSTRUCTED AN AIDE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. BARICAN, WHO IS A FACULTY MEMBER AT UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LAW CENTER, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY HARVARD FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY AND IS EXPECTED THERE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. BARICAN SAID HIS MEETING WENT EXTREMELY WELL, WITH MARCOS REMINISCING FONDLY ABOUT HIS OWN "HOT-HEADED YOUTH." THEY HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR SOME YEARS, OFTEN IN AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP. BARICAN WAS CONFIDENT THAT MARCOS WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH AND THAT HE WOULD GET HIS PERMITS, ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE WISHED AFTERWARD HE HAD GOTTEN MARCOS' APPROVAL IN WRITING.

3. COMMENT: BARICAN WAS A STUDENT ACTIVIST LEADER BEFORE MARTIAL LAW AND IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST
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RADICAL OF THE LABAN CANDIDATES, BUT THERE ARE NO OUT-
STANDING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM. WE UNDERSTAND
HE WENT TO MARCOS DIRECTLY ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MARCOS
WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO APPROVE HIS EXIT PAPERS IN ANY
EVENT. MURPHY

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